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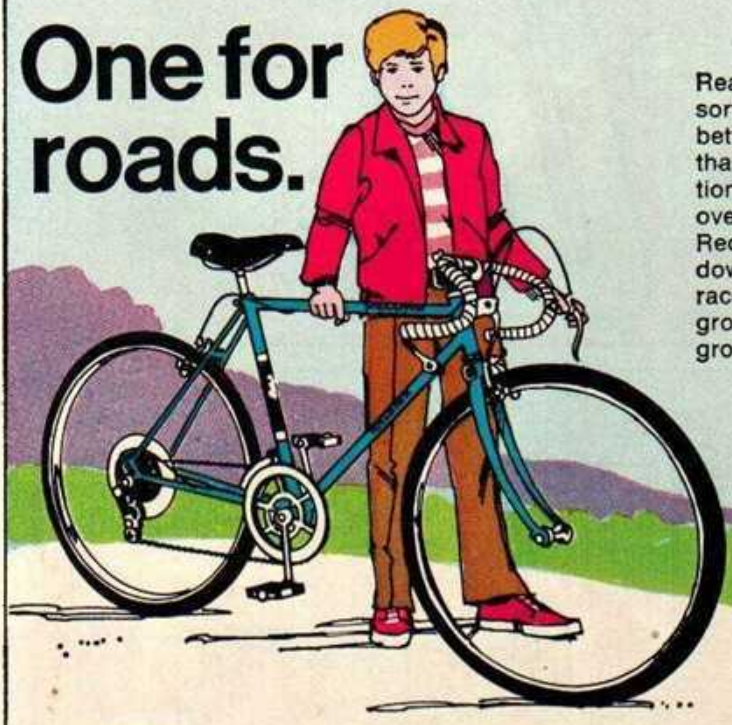

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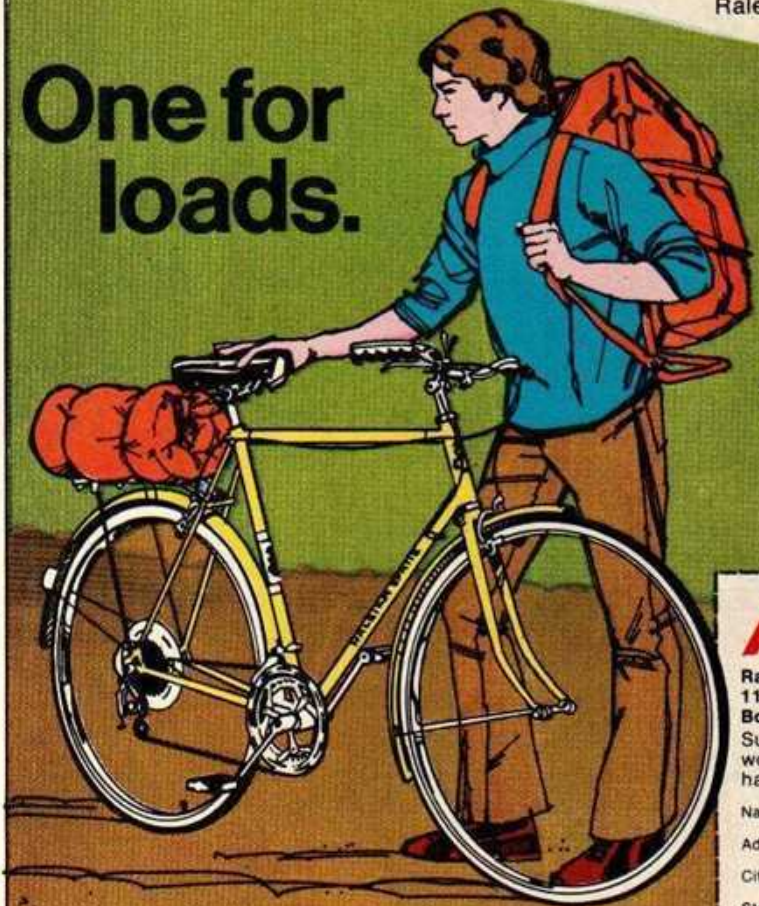

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THREE...
TWO...
ONE...
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NEXT INSTANT, AS THE EAR-TORTURING BLAST RIPS INTO THE AIR AND SPURS ALL BY-STANDERS TO STARE--
DO YOU SEE THAT?
GRACIOUS! I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES!
IT JUST ISN'T POSSIBLE!
OUTA SIGHT!
NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, FOLKS!
THE FULL FORCE OF THE BLAST NEVER HIT ME--
THANKS TO MY YOUNG PROTECTOR HERE, MIC!
NATURALLY, MIC'S REFLEXES WERE FAST ENOUGH TO SAVE ME FROM HARM!
LOOKIT HER! A PERFECT LANDING FROM 30 FEET UP!
NOT EVEN THE GREATEST CIRCUS ACROBAT IN THE WORLD COULD MATCH THAT STUNT!
IS MY COLLEAGUE FROM WGBS A SUPER-WOMAN?
WHO IS THIS STUNNING LOVELY GIRL WHO SEEMS TO KNOW LOIS? KEEP READING!
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BUT APART FROM ALL THE WIDE-EYED FACES, ONE BYSTANDER IS MOST AMAZED-- AND DISAPPOINTED...
"GULP"-- HOW'M I GONNA EXPLAIN TO THE BOSS THAT LOIS LANE JUST BACK-FLIPPED HERSELF OVER THE DYNAMITE-BLAST!?
I DON'T EVEN BELIEVE IT-- AND I WAS WATCHING!
MEANTIME, AN EVEN STRANGER SPECTACLE IS UNFOLDING...
THANK YOU, MIC! I OWE YOU MY LIFE!
LET'S GO TO THE DAILY PLANET BUILDING... I'M SURE MY FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES WILL BE ANXIOUS TO MEET YOU!
WOW! SHE'S TALKING TO HERSELF! WHEN SHE FLIPPED OVER THAT EXPLOSION-- HER MIND FLIPPED WITH HER!
I HATE TO EVEN THINK IT-- LOIS LANE, SUFFERING FROM HALLUCINATIONS!
YOU REALLY ARE LIKE A SON TO ME, MIC! I'M SO GLAD I ADOPTED YOU--!
HAS IT FINALLY HAPPENED? AFTER ALL THESE YEARS OF TAKING DARING RISKS AND BRAVING SPINE-CHILLING DANGER DURING HER YOUNG CAREER-- HAS LOIS FINALLY CRACKED UNDER THE TREMENDOUS STRAIN? IF YOU THINK IT'S A FREAKY SITUATION NOW-- WAIT TILL SUPERMAN FINDS OUT HOW HE'S INVOLVED, WHEN LOIS BEGS THE MAN OF STEEL...
STORY BY: CARY BATES
ART BY: JOHN ROSENBERGER AND VINNIE COLLETTA
SUPERMAN
Marry Me
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SOON, IN THE OFFICE OF PLANET EDITOR PERRY WHITE...
I WANT YOU TO GET ON THIS STORY RIGHT AWAY, CLARK!
SURE THING, CHIEF! I--
HEY! WHO OPENED MY DOOR!?
WELL, PERRY? CLARK? WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY NEWLY ADOPTED SON?
MIC, SAY HELLO TO MR. WHITE AND MR. KENT!
A MOST ASTONISHING-BIZARRE CONVERSATION FOLLOWS...
...AND YESTERDAY MIC CAME TO MY DOORSTEP...HOMELESS, WITHOUT PARENTS OR FRIENDS! I PLAN TO WRITE HIS STORY IN AN EXCLUSIVE FOR YOU, PERRY!
PERRY WHITE
GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST! WHOSE STORY!?
YOU'VE BEEN OVERWORKING LATELY, LOIS! I THINK YOU'RE ABOUT DUE FOR A LONG REST!
DON'T BE SHY, MIC!
HE'S STILL BASHFUL, FELLAS... NOT USED TO BEING AROUND OTHER PEOPLE YET!
?!? WHO'S BASHFUL!
LOIS, IS THERE SUPPOSED TO BE SOMEONE ELSE IN THE ROOM?
ELSEWHERE IN METROPOLIS...
FOOLS! YOU'RE JUST A PAIR OF BUNGLING BOOKENDS!
KRUNCH
LOIS LANE IS STILL VERY MUCH ALIVE...! YOUR SEWER BLAST BLEW UP THE GUTTER INSTEAD OF YOUR VICTIM!
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SUPERMAN HIMSELF COULDN'T HAVE PULLED OFF A BETTER RESCUE!
IF THE LANE DAME LIVES TO TAKE THE STAND NEXT WEEK I'M IN BIG TROUBLE!
BUT YOU TWO WILL END UP NEIGHBORS IN THE MORGUE! GET MY MEANING--?
Y-YES, BOSS! DON'T WORRY... WE'LL WIPE HER OUT FOR YOU!
MEANTIME...
C'MON MIC! NO SENSE WASTING ANY MORE TIME WITH THOSE JOURNALISTIC JOKERS!
I DON'T KNOW WHY CLARK KENT AND THE OTHERS PRETENDED NOT TO SEE YOU! WHAT A TASTELESS PRANK!
DAILY PLANET
AND FAR ABOVE-- THE MOST POWERFUL EYES IN THE WORLD DISGUISED IN THE IDENTITY OF CLARK KENT PEER DOWN AT LOIS FROM HIGH ABOVE THE WGBS BUILDING...
I'M THOROUGHLY SCANNING AROUND LOIS WITH MY X-RAY VISION-- BUT THERE'S NO ONE ELSE WITHIN TWENTY FEET OF HER!
NO DOUBT NOW... SHE'S TALKING TO HERSELF! WALKING WITH A DELUSION!
I KNOW LOIS HAS ALWAYS WANTED TO MARRY ME-- AS SUPERMAN-- AND RAISE A FAMILY!
CAN IT BE THAT HER OVERWHELMING DESIRE TO BECOME A MOTHER-- HAS FINALLY SNAPPED HER MIND TO THE BREAKING POINT!?
WHAT DO YOU SAY, READER? HAS LOIS CONCEIVED AN IMAGINARY SON FOR HERSELF--? OR IS THERE ANOTHER EXPLANATION...?

NEXT MOMENT, CLARK KENT--THE MILD-MANNERED REPORTER, MAKES A STARTLING ROOFTOP- CHANGE...
WORRYING ABOUT LOIS ALMOST MADE ME FORGET-- SUPERMAN HAS AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN EXACTLY 58 SECONDS!
LUCKILY WGBS TOWERS ABOVE SURROUNDING SKYSCRAPERS... SO NO ONE WILL SEE ME SWITCH GARB UP HERE!
AND LESS THAN A MINUTE LATER... AFTER A FLASHING FLIGHT-- SUPERMAN'S X-RAY VISION DETECTS--
SUPERMAN! JUST LET ME HAVE A BITE OF MY USUAL MORNING DONUT!
GREAT KRYPTON! THE DA. IS UNAWARE THAT HE IS ABOUT TO DETONATE A CAMOUFLAGED BOMB THAT WILL SPLATTER HIM AND HIS OFFICE INTO THE NEXT COUNTY!
--BUT IT'S NOT POLITE TO EAT IN FRONT OF COMPANY!
WHOOSH
WHA--?
SORRY, MR. BARGER--
AS SOON AS THE ACTION ACE SWALLOWS THE DONUT IN ONE SWIFT GULP...
BARROOM
OMIGOSH! THAT'S THE SOUND OF A MUFFLED EXPLOSION!!
MY JELLY DONUT HAS A BOMB!
SOMEONE WANTED YOU TO BITE OFF MORE THAN YOU COULD CHEW, MR. BARGER!
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AND I KNOW WHO -- BULL BARKLEY! HE'D DO ANYTHING TO KEEP ME FROM PROSECUTING HIM IN COURT NEXT WEEK... BUT I'M AFRAID THE STATE'S STAR WITNESS IS IN EVEN MORE DANGER THAN I!
YOU MEAN LOIS LANE!
THAT'S WHY I ASKED YOU HERE, SUPERMAN! MISS LANE HAS STUBBORNLY REFUSED THE POLICE PROTECTION I OFFERED HER... SHE SAID IT WOULD UPSET HER "BOY"!
THAT MUST BE LOIS' IMAGINARY MIC!
HER CONDITION IS WORSE THAN I FEARED!
PLEASE KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON MISS LANE THESE NEXT FEW DAYS, SUPERMAN! BARKLEY'S THUGS ALREADY TRIED ONCE TO KILL HER!
THEY WON'T GET ANOTHER CHANCE AS LONG AS I'M AROUND TO PROTECT LOIS!
I PROMISE!
MEANWHILE, AT THE DAILY PLANET OFFICES, A JITTERY PERRY WHITE PRESSES HIS INTERCOM...
MABLE, PAGE MELBA MANTON AT WGBS AND ASK HER TO STOP BY MY OFFICE!
YES SIR. I BELIEVE SHE'S IN STUDIO B RIGHT NOW!
MINUTES LATER... AFTER A BRIEFING...
YOU'RE A SMART NEWSCASTER, MELBA!
THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING THIS FAVOR OF YOU!
I'LL BE GLAD TO CHECK UP ON LOIS LANE, MR. WHITE! AFTER ALL, I LIKE LOIS, TOO --
--AND NEWS TROUBLE-SHOOTING IS MY THING!
THE NEWS IS BAD... IF LOIS REALLY HAS FLIPPED HER LID OVER THIS MAKE-BELIEVE KID!
HER TESTIMONY IN THE BARKLEY CASE WILL BE WORTHLESS IF SHE'S STILL HAVING DELUSIONS!
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SOON, AS THE MAN OF STEEL STREAKS OVER THE METROPOLIS SKYLINE...
LOIS IS IN TERRIBLE DANGER AGAIN!
I MUST SUPER-SPEED TO HER APARTMENT WHILE THERE'S STILL TIME!
BUT IN THE NEXT STARTLING INSTANT...
SOMETHING'S STOPPING ME FROM SAVING LOIS!
...THE RED-AND-BLUE FORM OF MIGHTY SUPERMAN SUDDENLY -- INEXPLICABLY VANISHES INTO NOTHINGNESS!
AND IN THE REPORTER'S APARTMENT -- IMPENDING DEATH IS IN THE AIR...
I'M SURE GLAD YOU'RE HERE WITH ME, MIC!
WITH MY THREE ROOMMATES AWAY ON A VACATION THIS PLACE GETS PRETTY LONELY!
OUTSIDE... IN THE KILLERS' HELICOPTER...
HOW'S THIS? STEADY ENOUGH?
ABOUT A FOOT MORE TO THE RIGHT... I'LL HAVE A DIRECT BEAD ON THE "LATE" MISS LOIS LANE! HA, HA!
BUT FATE DEALS A TIMELY INTER-RUPTION...
OHH! MY POT IS BOILING OVER!
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JUST AS LOIS RUSHES FORWARD...
PING
KAPING
HAVE TO SAVE MY ASPARAGUS--
I MISSED HER!
THAT KOOKY FEMALE MOVED AT THE LAST SECOND!
G-GOOD GRIEF! I'VE HEARD OF A PEEPING TOM--
BUT THERE'S A PEEPING SHARPSHOOTER-- AND A HELICOPTER OUTSIDE MY WINDOW!
MIC! ARE YOU OKAY?
MORE BLAZING GUNFIRE SEARS INTO THE ROOM-- WHILE LOIS CRINGES FOR COVER-- CALLING OUT THE NAME OF HER ELUSIVE SON...
BAM
BLAM
KA-BAM
MIC? MIC!!
WHERE ARE YOU?
SPLAK
CHOKE! MIC MAY BE WOUNDED... OR WORSE!!
LOOKS LIKE IT'S UP TO ME-- TO LET THESE KILLERS KNOW THIS TARGET FIGHTS BACK!
WHUP-WHUP-WHUP
DID YOU GET LOIS LANE!
MUST HAVE! DON'T SEE OR HEAR NOTHIN'!
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AS THE HELICOPTER NEARS LOIS' APARTMENT WINDOW...
ARGGGGHHHH! THE DAME THREW STEAMING HOT ASPARAGUS AT ME!
SPLASH
BUNGLER! YOU WASTED ALL THOSE SLUGS AND NEVER HIT HER!
BUT THEN WITHOUT WARNING...
HEYY! IS IT THE REST OF THE WORLD-- OR ARE WE UPSIDE-DOWN?!
GULP! IT'S US! LIKE SOME UNSEEN FORCE TOOK HOLD OF THE COPTER AND FLIPPED IT OVER LIKE IT WAS A KID'S TOY--!
H-HURRY! FLY US OUT O' HERE WHILE WE'RE STILL AIRBORNE! MY NERVES ARE CURDLIN'!
THE WORST IS YET TO COME!
NOW WE GOTTA FACE THE BOSS AND TELL HIM LOIS LANE IS STILL ALIVE!
AT THE SAME TIME...
WHEW! MIC!
SO YOU WERE OUT HERE ALL ALONG! IT'S A WONDER THOSE MURDERERS DIDN'T SEE YOU!
C'MON, I'LL HELP YOU INSIDE!
LOIS IS AT IT AGAIN!
BY READING HER LIPS I CAN SEE SHE'S TALKING TO HERSELF AGAIN... WHILE PRETENDING TO HELP SOMEONE ELSE IN THROUGH HER WINDOW!
A VERY BAD SIGN!
WHO IS WATCHING LOIS?
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YES- MELBA IS WATCHING THE SCENE THROUGH A TELESCOPE...
I CAN'T EXPLAIN WHY THAT KILLER-COPTER WENT OUT OF CONTROL!
I'M JUST GLAD LOIS WASN'T HURT!
SHE MUST HAVE FLIPPED DURING THESE PAST FEW DAYS OF STRESS AND STRAIN!
:CHOKE: POOR LOIS IS... OR WAS... THE TOP MS. IN THE NEWSPAPER GAME!
I DREAD DELIVERING THIS STORY TO PERRY WHITE AND WGBS... BUT THE CHOICE ISN'T MINE TO MAKE!
I'M A REPORTER- AND THE PUBLIC MUST BE INFORMED OF LOIS LANE'S MENTAL BREAKDOWN!!
LATER, IN BULL BARKLEY'S PENTHOUSE-- A DISPLAY OF SEETHING RAGE!
IDIOTS!
DID I HIRE TWO KILLERS OR A PAIR OF MINDLESS WALKING BOOKENDS!?
SLAAP P
ONE LAST CHANCE!
IF LOIS LANE ISN'T DEAD BY TONIGHT-- YOU TWO WILL BE DEAD BY TOMORROW! READ ME?
:GULP: W-WE READ YOU, BOSS!
SOON A SOMBER MELBA MANTON IS ON THE AIR WITH HER NIGHTLY NEWSCAST...
CRIMECZAR BULL BARKLEY WILL GO FREE WITHOUT LOIS LANE'S TESTIMONY--
THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY SADLY ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT MISS LANE WILL BE AN UNRELIABLE WITNESS IN HER PRESENT CONDITION!
AS THIS FILM CLEARLY SHOWS, LOIS LANE SUFFERS FROM HALLUCINATIONS! SHE CONSTANTLY TALKS TO AN IMAGINARY SON WHO ISN'T THERE!
WGBS IS RELEASING THIS FOR AN URGENT REASON-
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NEWS
LOIS LANE HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE EARLY AFTERNOON... SHE'S ASSUMED TO BE SOMEWHERE IN THE METROPOLIS AREA!
IF ANYONE SEES HER-- PLEASE NOTIFY MELBA MANTON AT WGBS AT ONCE!
...AND IT'S VITAL THAT SHE BE LOCATED!
WHAT A LUCKY BREAK! THE LANE DAME COULDN'T HAVE PICKED A BETTER TIME TO GO BANANAS!
NOW SHE'S NO THREAT TO ME ALIVE OR DEAD!
AND AT THE DAILY PLANET...
WHAT ELSE COULD GO WRONG?
FIRST LOIS THINKS SHE'S A MOTHER... THEN DROPS OUT OF SIGHT!
AND NOW CLARK KENT HAS TURNED UP MISSING, TOO!
MY TWO BEST REPORTERS--LOST!
IF YOU ONLY KNEW THE WORST OF IT, PERRY-- THAT SUPERMAN HIMSELF HAS VANISHED FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH!
MEANTIME, IN A SECLUDED DEEP-GREEN PATCH OF FOREST ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY-- AN EYE-POPPING PHANTASMAGORICAL SPECTACLE UNFOLDS FOR AN AUDIENCE OF ONE...
BRAVO! WHAT A SENSATIONAL STUNT-- MAKING THOSE TREE BRANCHES GROW INSTANTLY TO SPELL OUT MY NAME!
VERY THOUGHTFUL OF YOU, MIC!
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I'M GLAD WE DECIDED TO GET AWAY FROM IT ALL AT THIS PICNIC IN THE WOODS!
DIG IN, MIC! THIS IS CHICKEN-A-LA-LANE! GUARANTEED TO BE FINGER-LICKING GOOD!
BUT TWO PAIRS OF EVIL EYES SPY ON THE PICNICKING REPORTER FROM BEHIND A LEAFY COVER...
STILL DON'T SEE WHY WE BEEN TAILIN' THE LANE DAME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE! WE COULDA KILLED HER LONG AGO!
USE THAT VACUUM OF A BRAIN, YOU HAMBURGER!
OUT HERE THERE WON'T BE ANY WITNESSES!
DO YOU THINK THIS GRENADE-LAUNCHER WILL DO ITS JOB AND SAVE US FROM BULL'S TEMPER?
AT THIS RANGE— WE CAN'T MISS!
LANE'S AS GOOD AS DEAD... AND OUT HERE ONLY THE BIRDS AND THE BEES WILL HEAR THE BLAST!
AND THEN...
LOOK, MIC— UP IN THE SKY! IT'S HIM!
AT LAST YOU TWO WILL GET TO MEET EACH OTHER!
WHO'S THE ONE PERSON ON EARTH WHO COULD MAKE LOIS BEAM WITH SO MUCH JOY, YOU ASK? WHO ELSE BUT-
--SUPERMAN--
I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU, SUPERMAN! EVERYONE'S SAYING I'M LOONY... FLIPPED-OUT OF MY MIND!
BUT I KNOW YOU WON'T DOUBT ME!
LOIS, I- I'M SORRY TO SAY--
SUDDENLY-- BEFORE THE METROPOLIS MARVEL CAN UTTER ANOTHER WORD-- LOIS INTERRUPTS, HER VOICE STRANGELY STRAINED...
I CAN'T HOLD MY FEELINGS BACK ANY LONGER, SUPERMAN!
NOW THAT I HAVE A SON-- WE CAN'T KEEP UP A PART-TIME RELATIONSHIP!
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SUPERMAN-- LOOK AT MIC-- A 10 YEAR-OLD BOY WHO NEEDS A FATHER TO LOOK UP TO!
I CAN'T DO A DECENT JOB OF RAISING HIM ALL BY MYSELF... SO THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO!
SUPERMAN, YOU'VE GOT TO MARRY ME!
WH-WHO-? M-ME-?
AT THAT VERY MOMENT A FEW DOZEN YARDS AWAY...
HOLD IT! DON'T LAUNCH THE GRENADE!
SUPERMAN JUST ARRIVED!
ZINNNG!
TOO LATE!
I ALREADY FIRED IT!
SUPER-MAN! YOU CAN'T RUN OUT ON ME NOW... WHEN LITTLE MIC AND I NEED YOU THE MOST!
A SINGLE HEARTBEAT LATER-- THE MIGHTIEST ARM ON EARTH SQUASHES A VIOLENT GRENADE-BLAST THAT DROWNS OUT LOIS' PLEAS...
I'M NOT LEAVING YOU, LOIS--
KA-BOOM
JUST MAKING SURE YOU DON'T LEAVE THE LIVING!
MY INVULNERABLE HAND WILL ABSORB THIS EXPLOSION!
AND IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG TO CALCULATE THAT THIS GRENADE WAS LAUNCHED BY--
THESE TWO JOKERS!
UHHH!
OOOFFF!
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A MOMENT LATER...
SUPERMAN! I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT GOT INTO ME! SOMETHING WAS FORCING ME TO SAY THOSE THINGS!
RIGHT! "SOMETHING" WHO IS 10 YEARS OLD AND GOES BY THE NAME MIC!
?!? THEN... YOU CAN ACTUALLY SEE HIM!?
CRUNCH
NOT EXACTLY!
BUT I KNOW HOW TO BRING HIM OUT INTO THE OPEN! FIRST I'LL PULVERIZE THIS BOULDER INTO DUST WITH ONE SUPER-SWIPE!
NEXT, A BLAST OF SUPER-BREATH WILL SCATTER THE ULTRA-FINE PARTICLES... SATURATING THE AIR WITH THEM!
WHOOSH
THE DUST WILL SETTLE ON EVERYTHING--
--INCLUDING YOUR INVISIBLE ADOPTED SON, LOIS!
YOU MIGHT AS WELL SHOW YOURSELF, MIC!
THE FEATURELESS FORM SHIMMERS--QUIVERS INTO FOCUS-TO REVEAL...
MIC X546-- A 10-YEAR OLD ORPHAN FROM THE 28TH CENTURY!
ULP! HOW DID YOU KNOW, SUPERMAN?
WHO PUT YOU ON TO ME, SUPERMAN?
YOUR GUARDIANS IN THE FUTURE-- THEY SUMMONED ME!
TODAY I VANISHED IN FLIGHT... ONLY TO FIND MYSELF INSTANTLY TELEPORTED THROUGH TIME TO THE 28th CENTURY!
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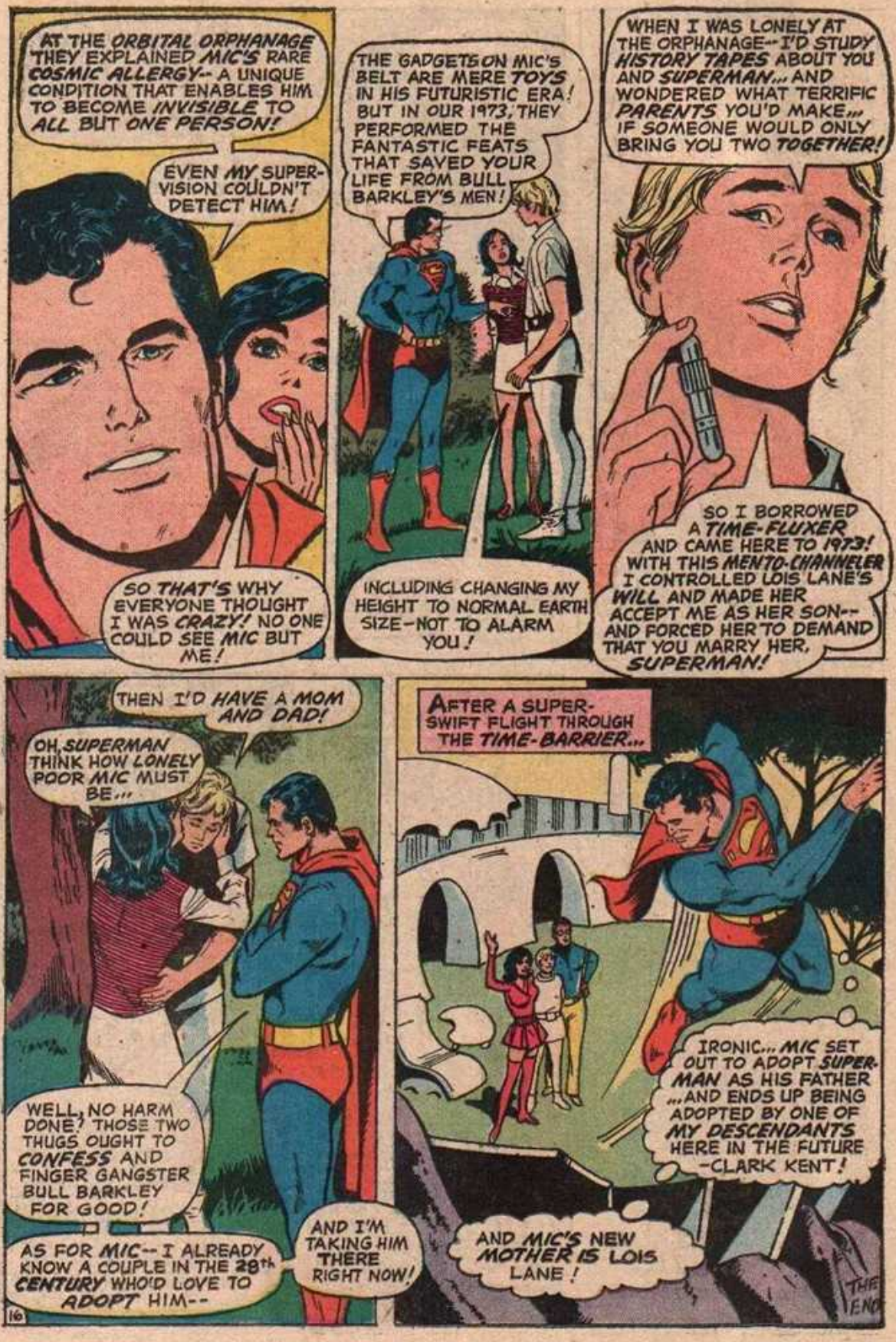
AT THE ORBITAL ORPHANAGE THEY EXPLAINED MIC'S RARE COSMIC ALLERGY-- A UNIQUE CONDITION THAT ENABLES HIM TO BECOME INVISIBLE TO ALL BUT ONE PERSON!
EVEN MY SUPER-VISION COULDN'T DETECT HIM!
SO THAT'S WHY EVERYONE THOUGHT I WAS CRAZY! NO ONE COULD SEE MIC BUT ME!
THE GADGETS ON MIC'S BELT ARE MERE TOYS IN HIS FUTURISTIC ERA! BUT IN OUR 1973, THEY PERFORMED THE FANTASTIC FEATS THAT SAVED YOUR LIFE FROM BULL BARKLEY'S MEN!
INCLUDING CHANGING MY HEIGHT TO NORMAL EARTH SIZE--NOT TO ALARM YOU!
WHEN I WAS LONELY AT THE ORPHANAGE--I'D STUDY HISTORY TAPES ABOUT YOU AND SUPERMAN... AND WONDERED WHAT TERRIFIC PARENTS YOU'D MAKE... IF SOMEONE WOULD ONLY BRING YOU TWO TOGETHER!
SO I BORROWED A TIME-FLUXER AND CAME HERE TO 1973! WITH THIS MENTO-CHANNELER I CONTROLLED LOIS LANE'S WILL AND MADE HER ACCEPT ME AS HER SON-- AND FORCED HER TO DEMAND THAT YOU MARRY HER, SUPERMAN!
THEN I'D HAVE A MOM AND DAD!
OH, SUPERMAN THINK HOW LONELY POOR MIC MUST BE...
WELL, NO HARM DONE! THOSE TWO THUGS OUGHT TO CONFESS AND FINGER GANGSTER BULL BARKLEY FOR GOOD!
AS FOR MIC-- I ALREADY KNOW A COUPLE IN THE 28th CENTURY WHO'D LOVE TO ADOPT HIM--
AND I'M TAKING HIM THERE RIGHT NOW!
AFTER A SUPER-SWIFT FLIGHT THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER...
IRONIC... MIC SET OUT TO ADOPT SUPER-MAN AS HIS FATHER ...AND ENDS UP BEING ADOPTED BY ONE OF MY DESCENDANTS HERE IN THE FUTURE -CLARK KENT!
AND MIC'S NEW MOTHER IS LOIS LANE!
THE END
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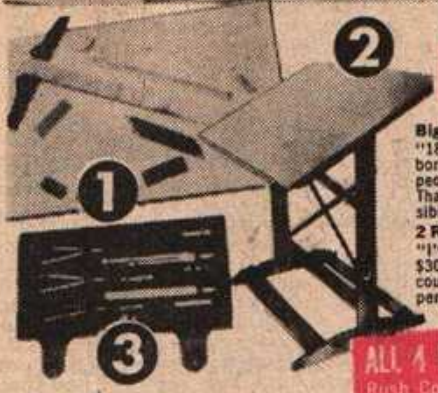

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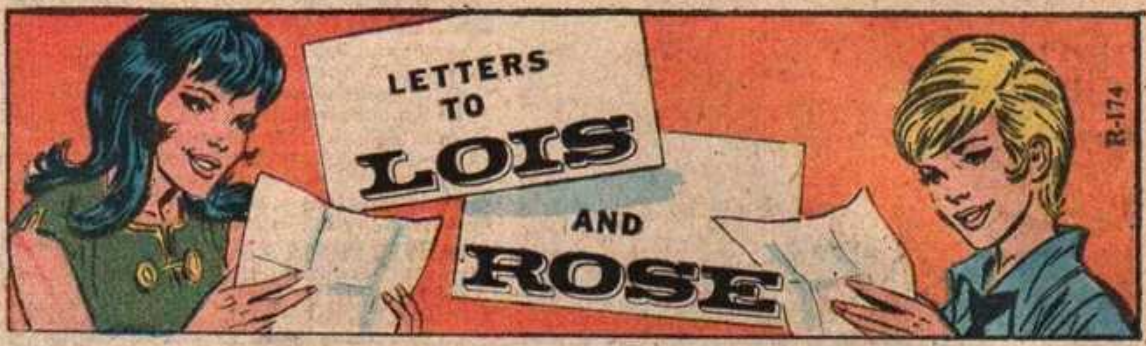

Dear Editor:

Get ready, 'cause here it comes. Re: LOIS LANE #127. This is, overall, your worst effort to date. Take the inside art, f'instance. Rosenberger and Colletta is an acceptable team. 'Insofar as Mr. Rosenberger goes, have him put more detail in his drawings, and I promise he will work out well. And don't be afraid to try different inkers on him. I think you (and we) would benefit by it.

Ah, now we get to the . . . uh, umm, er, *words* in those little balloons that are scattered all over the place. In other words . . . the *story*. It was *terrible!* That bit about the 'Trans-Europa Olympics' was utter idiocy, and my idea of a super secret criminal agency is not one that: a) heavy-handedly sabotages equipment (why didn't the judges inspect the damaged equipment after each event?) b) writes its name on everything in sight and then leaves it laying around (why didn't the 100 tow the disabled shark away?) and c) has one of its agents stand in the open with a mirror flashing crazily for all the world to see? If you're going to make the 100 out to be super-powerful, don't have them act like Sugar & Spike's Baron (ah, what a wonderful mag *that* was!).

But now, to soothe Cary Bates' ruffled feathers—look, man, you've got action down pat, so let's work on plotting, characterization, and continuity, okay? Okay!

As for ROSE AND THE THORN, the stories are fine, but (and this goes for Lois as well) work on the *continuity!* It is no fun reading disjointed episodes in a super-heroine's life. And as far as the art is concerned, Don Heck could be a fine artist if you teamed him with a substantial inker. Don just isn't strong enough to ink his own work.

Well, that's all for now. So stay on your toes, gentlemen, 'cuz you-know-who's gonna be watching from the shadows. . . .

David L. Price
Columbia, Illinois

(The Shadow, maybe?)

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Dear Editor:

You know, there are times when I despair for LOIS LANE. You see, Lois is rather a unique character. She isn't the super-heroine who *looks* for trouble; she's an investigative reporter who *stumbles* into trouble. And she seems never to be capable of getting out of danger by herself. (No reflection on her; I couldn't either.) So along comes SUPERMAN. And thus you have the LL 'formula.' So what variations can you give us on this age-old plot? Not many. Therefore, why not get *rid* of it? Putting your great characters in strange and different locations doesn't help if all you have is an old-fashioned chase with a predictable theme (such as LL #127). Therein lies the answer to your problem: better plots. Play down SUPERMAN, and make LOIS more like BATGIRL; do *anything*, but get *better plots!*

The THORN is being handled even worse. Under the new editorship she's been cut to a miserable seven pages! Disgusting! And the plots you've been giving us—can the THORN do nothing but fight petty crooks? She *is* a genuine super-heroine . . . so why not give her some super-adversaries? Come *on* now!

Richard Morrissey
Framingham, Maine

(Now that Bob Kanigher is making his presence felt on LOIS, as well as the tried-and-true Cary Bates, you can expect some interesting and exciting plot developments; give Mr. K a chance, okay?)

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Dear Editor:

Up until now, I've had no complaints with the way you've been running LOIS' and ROSE's lives. Your comics are—as a rule—just great, and I respect the imagination and creativity that go into them. But now . . . you guys have been *irking* me with LOIS' roommate MARSHA MALLOW. So far, all you've told us about her is "Too many calories and not enough will-power," or, most recently, "Oh, yum! I *adore* these French bon-bons!" All you ever allow that poor kid to do is sit around acting *fat!* Look, I'm all for developing characters, so why not give Marsha a 'thin' line? You know—a line that makes no reference to food, calories, etc.

I think that, after reading DC for thirteen years, I have the right to lodge this little complaint. Right? And while I'm on the subject, what loving parent would name his kid after a piece of candy?

Alisa Cohen
Minneapolis, Minnesota

(Would you believe . . . Mr. Nestle? Or Mr. Hershey . . . ?)

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Dear Editor:

LOIS LANE comics are great. But please bring back LANA LANG and LUCY LANE. Lucy and Lana are too good a pair of characters to allow to disappear. And as far as I'm concerned, the THORN has *had* it! I think you should put a LANA LANG story in THORN's place. Think about it.

Rob Park
Detroit, Michigan

(Okay, okay, all you LANA LANG fans! We'll see what we can do about bringing back the most popular redhead this side of Ann-Margret!)

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Dear Editor:

I have been reading your mag since I was seven (I am now twelve). Believe me . . . I *love* LOIS LANE. So far, my favorite ish was #127, 'The Curse of the Flame.' The story was exciting and very suspenseful. One thing—please continue the LOIS/THORN team-ups. What are the chances of this letter seeing print?

Jed Seidel
New York, New York

(I'd say the chances are purty darn good!)

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SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND
LOIS LANE
FROM LOIS LANE # 8 (APRIL, 1959)
CAN LOIS LANE OUTPERFORM THE MIGHTY SUPERMAN HIMSELF? SEE FOR YOURSELF IN...
THE SUPERWOMAN OF METROPOLIS!
IF YOU COULD STAY AWAY FROM TROUBLE FOR A CHANGE, I WOULDN'T HAVE TO SPEND SO MUCH TIME RESCUING YOU, CLARK!
YOU'RE NOT FOOLING ME, SUPERWOMAN! PRETTY SOON I'LL HAVE PROOF THAT SUPERWOMAN IS REALLY LOIS LANE!
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IT IS A TYPICAL DAY AT THE DAILY PLANET OFFICE FOR REPORTERS CLARK KENT AND LOIS LANE, WHEN SUDDENLY...
HEY, FOLKS! THAT JET AIRLINER UP THERE IS IN TROUBLE! IT'S ABOUT TO CRASH RIGHT IN THE CITY'S HEART!
ER--LOIS--TELL THE CHIEF I WENT OUT FOR AIR! I'VE A SPLITTING HEADACHE!
SECONDS LATER...
THAT WAS A PRETTY LAME EXCUSE I GAVE LOIS, BUT I HAD TO "DISAPPEAR" SO I COULD STOP THIS PLANE CRASH AS SUPERMAN! AND SHE'S SUCH A PEST ABOUT TRYING TO FIND OUT MY IDENTITY! SHE'S BOUND TO NEEDLE ME WHEN I RETURN AS CLARK!
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SURE ENOUGH, WHEN CLARK GETS BACK TO HIS DESK...
CLARK, IT'S FUNNY HOW EVERY TIME SUPERMAN IS NEEDED, YOU ALWAYS DISAPPEAR FIRST WITH SOME SILLY ALIBI! WHY NOT ADMIT YOU'RE SUPERMAN! THE STORY WOULD MAKE A NICE PRESENT FOR MY BIRTHDAY TOMORROW!
HM... HER BIRTHDAY! =IDEA!= MAYBE SHE'LL GET HER PRESENT!
NEXT MORNING, AS LOIS LEAVES HOME FOR WORK...
WHY, SUPERMAN! WHAT A NICE SURPRISE!
I REMEMBERED YOUR BIRTHDAY! AND I'VE A REAL SURPRISE FOR YOU AT THE EMPTY NORTH STREET WAREHOUSE! MEET ME THERE AS SOON AS YOU BUY YOURSELF A COSTUME THAT LOOKS LIKE MINE!
EAGER AND CURIOUS, LOIS LOSES NO TIME COMPLYING WITH THE MAN OF STEEL'S INTRIGUING REQUEST...
I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT HE HAS IN MIND, BUT I'M SURE IT'S SOMETHING UNUSUAL... A COSTUME LIKE HIS! HE COULDN'T BE THINKING OF ASKING ME TO BECOME MRS. SUPERMAN! =SIGH!= NOT LIKELY... BUT-- WE'LL SEE...
THAT SAME AFTERNOON, A TRANSFORMED LOIS ENTERS THE WAREHOUSE AND FINDS...
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LOIS! WITH THIS MACHINE I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU A SUPERWOMAN IN AN INVULNERABLE COSTUME BY TRANSFERRING MY POWERS TO YOU! BESIDES, I'M LEAVING ON A LONG MISSION AND WANT SOMEONE WHO KNOWS MY METHODS TO FILL MY SHOES! UP ONTO THE PLATFORM! HURRY!
TOO STUNNED FOR WORDS, LOIS OBEYS, AND AS THE GIANT GENERATORS ARE TURNED ON...
I-- I HARDLY KNOW WHETHER TO BELIEVE IT! MAYBE I'M JUST DREAMING! ME--LOIS LANE-- A SUPERWOMAN!
I USE WHAT ARE CALLED MODULATED RADIO FREQUENCY WAVES AS CARRIERS TO SHIFT ENERGY FROM MYSELF TO YOU AND TO STRENGTHEN YOUR COSTUME! BUT YOU'LL SEE!
FINALLY, THE MACHINE TURNED OFF, A STILL SKEPTICAL LOIS TESTS THE RESULTS ON A HEAVY IRON POLE...
WHY-- WHY-- THIS CAN'T BE ME! BENDING AN IRON POLE! OH-- SUPERMAN! IT'S REALLY TRUE, ISN'T IT? I AM A SUPERWOMAN!
SHE MAY NOT FEEL SO PLEASED WHEN SHE RUNS INTO SOME OF MY PROBLEMS!
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AND THOSE PROBLEMS BEGIN THE NEXT MORNING WHEN LOIS REALIZES THE NEED FOR **SUPERWOMAN** TO KEEP HER REAL IDENTITY SECRET...

IF PEOPLE KNOW **WHO** SUPERWOMAN IS, I'LL BE BOTHERED MORNING, NOON, AND NIGHT WITH ALL SORTS OF REQUESTS! I'LL NEVER KNOW A MOMENT'S REST! I'D BEST USE THIS BLONDE WIG TO HELP DISGUISE THE FACT THAT **SUPERWOMAN** IS LOIS LANE!

AND SO, LOIS LANE REPORTS TO WORK AT THE **DAILY PLANET** AS IF NOTHING HAS HAPPENED...

LOIS--YOU AND CLARK WILL DO A FEATURE ON THE FAMOUS METROPOLIS TIME CAPSULE! FRIDAY'S THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAY IT WAS BURIED! GET SOME PICTURES, TOO!

RIGHT, PERRY!

LATER, NEAR THE MARKER WHERE THE CAPSULE IS BURIED, THE TWO REPORTERS TAKE SHELTER FROM A SUDDEN LIGHTNING STORM, WHEN...

OH-OH! THAT BOLT PENETRATED TO THE TIME VAULT AND PIERCED THE WELDED SEAM! I HOPE LOIS USES HER X-RAY VISION AND SEES IT, TOO! THIS IS MY CHANCE TO GET MY PLAN GOING!

OH-OH! I'LL HAVE TO FIND AN EXCUSE TO SWITCH TO **SUPERWOMAN!**

THE NEXT MOMENT...

RUN FOR IT, CLARK! DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S NOT SAFE TO STAND UNDER A TREE WHEN THERE'S LIGHTNING?

BUT LOOK! LIGHTNING'S STRIKING WORSE OUT THERE! BESIDES, YOU'LL GET ALL WET!

NOW LET'S SEE LOIS THINK OF A WAY TO "DISAPPEAR" AND BECOME **SUPERWOMAN!**

FORCED TO PRETEND FEAR TO PROTECT HIS OWN IDENTITY, CLARK RUNS, LETTING LOIS SLIP AWAY TO REAPPEAR SHORTLY AS THE **WOMAN OF STEEL**...

A SECOND LATER, CLARK GETS HIS WISH...

CLAPPING MY HANDS WITH SUPER-STRENGTH TO GENERATE A SMALL LIGHTNING BOLT SHOULD MAKE CLARK RUN FOR SAFER COVER! THEN I CAN GET AWAY!

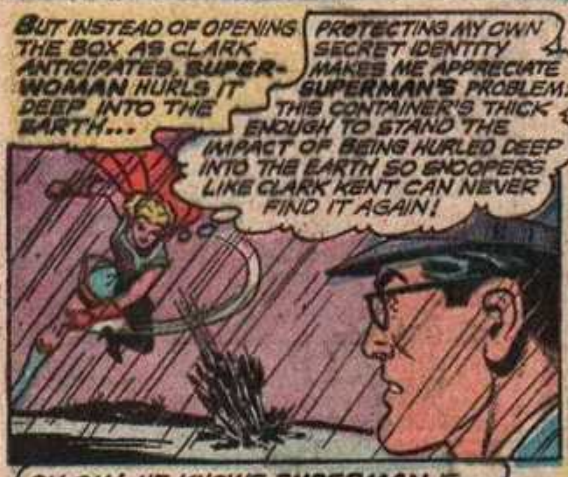
OH-OH! SHE'S HANDLING IT CLEVERLY!

SLAP

I SAW THE BOLT HIT THE TIME CAPSULE! IF THE ULTRA-SCIENTIFIC WEAPONS BURIED IN THERE SHOULD GO OFF, THERE'LL BE A MESS! BUT HERE COMES **SUPERMAN**--OR--HEY--WAIT! THAT'S NOT **SUPERMAN**! THAT'S A **WOMAN**! AM I DREAMING?

AS SUPERWOMAN LIFTS OUT THE GIANT VAULT, A SMALL LEAD CONTAINER DROPS FROM THE TORN SEAM...
CRUNCH
NOW TO SEAL THIS VAULT UP AGAIN AND MAKE SURE--OH-OH! THAT CONTAINER FELL OUT! WHY--IT'S THE ONE SUPERMAN CONTRIBUTED TO THE TIME-CAPSULE TEN YEARS AGO!

SETTING THE VAULT DOWN, SUPER-WOMAN OUTRACES CLARK TO THE CONTAINER...
INSIDE OF THIS IS THE SECRET OF SUPERMAN'S IDENTITY FOR THE HISTORIANS OF THE FUTURE! CAN'T LET CLARK GET THIS BEFORE ME!
SHE--SHE'S AFTER MY SECRET--AND SHE'S GOT IT!


BUT INSTEAD OF OPENING THE BOX AS CLARK ANTICIPATES, SUPER-WOMAN HURLS IT DEEP INTO THE EARTH...
PROTECTING MY OWN SECRET IDENTITY MAKES ME APPRECIATE SUPERMAN'S PROBLEM! THIS CONTAINER'S THICK ENOUGH TO STAND THE IMPACT OF BEING HURLED DEEP INTO THE EARTH SO SNOOPERS LIKE CLARK KENT CAN NEVER FIND IT AGAIN!

THE NEXT DAY, CLARK CONTINUES HIS CAMPAIGN TO TEACH LOIS A LEGSON BY PESTERING HER ABOUT HER SECRET IDENTITY...
MAYBE SHE GOT HERE FROM ANOTHER PLANET!
LOIS, SHE SHOWED UP ONLY SECONDS AFTER YOU SLIPPED AWAY! AND YOU RETURNED SECONDS AFTER SHE LEFT! COULD SUPERMAN HAVE MADE YOU A SUPERWOMAN FOR SOME REASON?
DAILY PLANET
BYSTANDERS GAPE AS MYSTERY SUPERWOMAN REPAIRS TIME CAPSULE! METROPOLIS WONDERS AT IDENTITY OF BLOND WOMAN OF STEEL

OH-OH! HE KNOWS SUPERMAN IS CAPABLE OF DOING SUCH A THING! SO HE'S HIT ON THE TRUTH RIGHT OFF! IT'S NOT PROOF, OF COURSE! BUT I JUST KNOW HE'LL BE WATCHING ME LIKE A HAWK FROM NOW ON!

BUT TRYING TO KEEP CLARK FROM FURTHER PRYING ISN'T SO EASY, AS LOIS FINDS OUT SOON ENOUGH...
OH-OH! CLARK'S FOLLOWED ME INTO THE FILE ROOM! I DON'T KNOW WHAT TRAP HE'S COOKED UP NOW, BUT I'D BETTER WATCH MY STEP!
NOW TO GIVE HER ANOTHER DOSE OF HER OWN MEDICINE!
THINK
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AS THE STEEL DOOR CLANGS SHUT BEHIND CLARK...
GOSH--THE DOOR! IT--IT LOCKED ON ME! AND IT'S TOO HEAVY TO FORCE OPEN!
WHAT? AND THIS FILE-ROOM IS SOUND-PROOF! IF WE SCREAM, THEY CAN'T HEAR US OUTSIDE! A FINE FIX!
SLAM

BUT LOIS' DILEMMA REALLY GROWS WHEN, SOON...
AIR SUPPLY IS GETTING LOW... I--÷GASP!÷--CAN HARDLY BREATHE!
IF I USED MY SUPER-POWERS TO GET US OUT, CLARK WILL KNOW MY IDENTITY... AND IF I DON'T, HE'LL SUFFOCATE! HM--÷IDEA!÷

ENJOYING SEEING LOIS IN THE SPOT SHE'S SO OFTEN PUT HIM IN, CLARK FAILS TO SEE...
CLARK DOESN'T SEEM TO BE TOO WORRIED ABOUT SUFFOCATING! HE MUST BE PRETTY SURE I'M SUPERWOMAN! BUT HE'LL NEVER PROVE IT AFTER I QUIETLY DRILL THIS AIR HOLE THROUGH THE WALL WITH MY FINGER!

WITH FRESH AIR RUSHING IN, CLARK, UNNOTICING, PRETENDS TO "SUFFOCATE" UNTIL...
÷GASP!÷--IF THEY DON'T FIND US SOON--WE'RE--DOOMED!
NO, CLARK--LOOK! IF YOU WEREN'T IN SUCH A PANIC, YOU'D BE ABLE TO BREATHE ALL RIGHT! THERE'S AN AIR-VENT THAT MUST HAVE BEEN PUT IN HERE RECENTLY AS A SAFETY MEASURE!

MM--SHE SURE GOT OUT OF THAT ONE CLEVERLY! BUT THERE'LL BE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO PUT HER THROUGH THE WRINGER, THE WAY SHE'S ALWAYS DONE WITH ME!
HE'S OUT TO PIN ME DOWN ON MY IDENTITY! WHAT'LL HE TRY NEXT, I WONDER?

LOIS SOON HAS HER CHANCE TO FIND OUT WHEN, LATER...
NO, ANTHONY--NO MORE HAIRDRESSER APPOINTMENTS FOR ME! WHY? ER--I'M SAVING MONEY! I'M--ER--DOING MY OWN HAIR NOW!
SAY ÷IDEA!÷ OF COURSE, SUPERWOMAN'S HAIR CAN'T BE CUT! THAT'S WHY SHE CAN'T GO TO THE HAIRDRESSER! HER HAIR IS INDESTRUCTIBLE!

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QUICKLY, CLARK GRABS THE SCISSORS FROM HIS DESK, APPROACHES LOIS, AND BEFORE SHE CAN STOP HIM...
THIS LOCK OF HAIR HAS BEEN STICKING UP ALL DAY! MIND IF I CUT IT AND--OOPS! YOUR HAIR DOESN'T CUT! IT BROKE THE SCISSORS! HA! THAT PROVES YOU'RE SUPERWOMAN!
OH-OH! THIS CALLS FOR QUICK THINKING!
LOIS PROVES EQUAL TO THE CHALLENGE AS, SNATCHING THE SCISSORS FROM CLARK...
THE ONLY THING YOU'VE PROVEN IS THAT YOU'VE GOT A SCISSORS WITH CRACKED BLADES! LOOK--THE OTHER BLADE BROKE WHEN I DROPPED IT!
MM--SHE DID THAT BY WEAKENING THE STEEL OF THE BLADE WITH THE HEAT FROM HER X-RAY VISION! CLEVER STUNT, THOUGH!
BUT CLARK KEEPS UP THE PRESSURE, FOR AS THEY LEAVE...
THERE'S OUR CAB! NOW TO SEAL UP THE DOOR WITH HEAT FROM MY X-RAY VISION AND WATCH THE FUN! I'LL SETTLE FOR ANY DAMAGE LATER WITH THE DRIVER!
STEPPING BACK, CLARK LETS LOIS TRY THE DOOR FIRST...
OOPS! WHY--ER--THIS DOOR WAS SO TIGHT--ER--I MEAN LOOSE, IT JUST CAME OFF!
NOW TO EXPOSE HER! BUT--GREAT SCOTT! I CAN'T! I CAN'T LET HER KNOW HOW I KNEW THE DOOR WAS SEALED! MM--I'D BETTER JUST FORGET THIS INCIDENT!
AS THE CAB HEADS FOR THE DAILY PLANET OFFICE...
LOOK, CLARK--A TRAVELING CARNIVAL! I WOULDN'T MISS IT FOR ANYTHING! YOU GO TO THE OFFICE BY YOURSELF!
MM--SHE'S SPOTTED THE FRAYED CABLE ON THAT AIRPLANE RIDE WITH HER TELESCOPIC VISION JUST AS I DID, I'M POSITIVE!
SO CLARK INSISTS ON JOINING HER, AND MOMENTS LATER, AS THEY STROLL THROUGH THE FAIR GROUNDS...
THAT PEST, CLARK! I KNOW HE'S ONLY TAGGING ALONG IN HOPES OF PROVING THAT I'M SUPERWOMAN! AND THOSE FRAYED CABLES ON THAT AIRPLANE RIDE ARE LIABLE TO SNAP ANY MOMENT! HOW CAN I DODGE HIM AND CHANGE COSTUME?
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BUT IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE, FOR JUST THEN...
OH-OH! NO TIME LEFT ANYMORE! I'VE GOT TO ACT NOW! AT LEAST NO ONE ELSE IS AROUND! SO I'M GOING TO HAVE TO TRUST YOU TO KEEP MY SECRET FOREVER, CLARK!
HUH? WHAT SECRET?

THE SECRET THAT I'VE TRIED DESPERATELY TO KEEP FROM YOU WHILE YOU'VE SHADOWED AND HAUNTED ME AND INTERFERED WITH MY WORK! THAT I'M SUPERWOMAN!

BUT AS SUPERWOMAN TRIES TO LEAP UP TO CATCH THE FALLING PLANE-CARS...
-WHUMP!- OH--GOOD HEAVENS!
GREAT SCOTT! HER SUPER-POWERS! THEY--THEY MUST BE GONE! SOONER THAN I CALCULATED! BUT NOW THERE'S NO TIME LEFT FOR ME TO CHANGE EITHER! NOW SHE'LL LEARN MY IDENTITY! WHAT A TWIST!

BUT SUDDENLY, CLARK, WHO HAS HAD LONG EXPERIENCE IN SUCH SITUATIONS, GETS AN IDEA, AND...
HAYRIDE
IT WOULDN'T WORK EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THOSE CABLE PLANES HAVE WINGS OF A SORT! ENOUGH FOR MY SUPER-BREATH TO RIGHT THEM AND GUIDE THEM TO A SAFE CRASH LANDING ON THAT HAYWAGON!

LATER, BACK AT THE DAILY PLANET OFFICE...
IT WAS A CUTE PRACTICAL JOKE, LOIS PRETENDING TO BE SUPERWOMAN! BUT NOW SHE WANTS US TO BELIEVE SHE REALLY WAS SUPERWOMAN!
YOU CAN ASK SUPERMAN WHEN HE RETURNS!
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HM--ON THE OTHER HAND, MAYBE I'D BETTER NOT SUGGEST ASKING SUPERMAN! WHEN HE HEARS ABOUT IT, HE'S LIABLE TO REMIND ME HOW FOR YEARS I'VE BEEN THE SAME KIND OF PEST TO HIM--ABOUT HIS IDENTITY! SO MAYBE I'D BETTER FORGET THE WHOLE THING!
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